

Other Comments:

I see it as a big problem that it would become a felony to use own, sell, or use important free software tools of communication, such as GNU Radio, which is Project GNU's software defined radio program. The issue here has nothing to do

with copyright infringement, despite the claims of the RIAA, the MPAA, and the AAP. The Broadcast Flag Mandate would make purely private use of GNU Radio a felony. GNU Radio is a program which allows any computer equipped with an antenna and an analog-to-digital card to function as a radio and TV receiver. Both analog and digital broadcasts can be received and played once the antenna, the card, and the program are installed.

Several fundamental issues are at stake: freedom of choice, freedom to innovate, and software as protected first amendment speech.